

**REMARKS**

The Office is requested to appreciate that the corresponding International application (PCT/EP2003/008774) was filed with a set of claims numbered 1-14. The above amendments have cancelled claims 1-14 and entered new claims 15-29. Claims 15-29 shown above, are believed to be the only pending claims in this application.

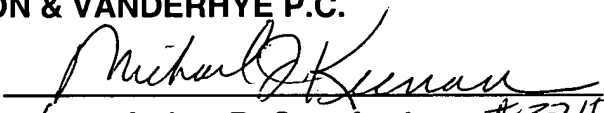

The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the parent applications and to include the substitute abstract. No new matter has been introduced. An inventor's Declaration was filed during the International Phase and a copy of the same is attached.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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